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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

**From conflict resources to sustainable development: Memorandum by Fatal Transactions on the European Union's contribution to natural resource management in Africa**

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/corporate-social-responsibility.php>

*IPIS drafted this publication for Fatal Transactions. The Memorandum looks specifically at the European Commission's contribution to a sustainable exploitation of natural resources in Africa and a sustainable supply chain. It also assesses its approach on conflict resources. The paper provides an analysis of the Commission's trade policy, development cooperation, foreign and security policy, cooperation under bilateral and multilateral agreements, humanitarian aid and financial assistance. It also takes a look at the Commission's view on integrating and implementing external actions in its internal policies (e.g. energy and environment) in order to promote a sustainable management of natural resources abroad.*

**L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.**

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

*Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.*

**Mapping Conflict Motives: Katanga update: December 2007-May 2008.**

(25/06/2008 – IPIS)

**Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: le cas du Katanga. Mise à jour : décembre 2007-mai 2008.**

(28/07/2008 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php?&lang=en>

*This report is the second in a series of updates following an initial report on conflict motives in the Congolese province of Katanga. It analyses the most important security developments from December 2007 until May 2008.*

**Heeft Congo iets aan zijn mijnen?**

(June 2008 – MO\*magazine – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php?&lang=en>

*DRC possesses huge reserves of minerals. Although the mineral prices increase on the international market, Congo hardly profits.*

**Activity Report 2007**

(IPIS)

**Jaarverslag 2007**

(IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

## **Fatal Transaction's submission on EIB Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards.**

(June 2008 - IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/corporate-social-responsibility.php>

*Fatal Transactions and IPIS commented on the Bank's environmental and human rights policy and its approach on good governance and transparency.*

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## **Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **Sub-Saharan Africa energy exports on sharp rise – IEA.**

(12/11/2008 – Reuters - Engineering News)

[http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article.php?a\\_id=147342](http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article.php?a_id=147342)

*Energy exports from sub-Saharan Africa will rise significantly as the region opts to maximise foreign currency earnings rather than attend to domestic fuel needs, the International Energy Agency said on Wednesday. Oil exports from the region would hit 6,4-million barrels per day (bpd) by 2030, out of the 7,4-million bpd expected to be produced.*

### **Africa: Leaders Urged to Optimize Mining Revenues.**

(14/11/2008 – Public Agenda – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811140770.html>

*The Environmental Programme Officer of Third World Network-Africa, Mr. Abdulai Darimani has indicated that while mineral resources have been integral to the social and economic development prospects of mineral endowed countries and local communities in Africa, domestic measures have not been adequate to optimize the benefits of the resource.*

## **DRC**

### **Recommendations on due diligence for buyers and companies trading in minerals from eastern DRC and for their home governments.**

(14/11/2008 – GlobalWitness)

[http://www.globalwitness.org/media\\_library\\_detail.php/681/en/recommendations\\_on\\_due\\_diligence\\_for\\_buyers\\_and\\_co](http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/681/en/recommendations_on_due_diligence_for_buyers_and_co)

*Global Witness is asking companies trading in minerals from eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to ensure that any minerals they buy neither finance armed groups or military units, nor contribute to human rights abuses at any point along the supply chain.*

### **Congo Will Complete Mine Contracts Review `Soon,' Minister Says.**

(14/11/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aAEYqVSDzHaE>

*The Democratic Republic of Congo said it will complete the review of mining contracts ``soon."*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Fermeture des sociétés dans le Katanga.**

(18/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811180331.html>

**Katanga : fermeture massive des entreprises minières, la Fec interpelle l'Etat congolais.**

(16/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21078>

*The slow rate of the mine contract revisitation is harming the Katanga mining sector.*

**Congo Says 41 Processing Companies Close After Metal Price Drop.**

(14/11/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aEny4GTzzHxA>

**Congo mineral processors hit by copper price slump.**

(18/11/2008 – The Wall Street Journal)

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/business/story/0,28124,24668482-5005200,00.html>

*The Democratic Republic of Congo, the world's largest source of cobalt, said 41 companies processing minerals in the southern province of Katanga stopped production after metal prices plunged.*

**Congo Fighting Revives Tainted Phone Fears.**

(17/11/2008 – BusinessWeek)

[http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/nov2008/gb20081117\\_671426.htm?chan=technology\\_technology+index+page\\_telecom](http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/nov2008/gb20081117_671426.htm?chan=technology_technology+index+page_telecom)

*'Coltan' used in electronics is probably not from the war zone, but only a new test could prove it.*

**Mbuji Mayi : baisse de recettes du diamant, Ngoy Kasanji renforce le contrôle.**

(17/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21083>

*The Governor of the East Kasai province is planning to conduct sharper controls on the diamond exports, as he thinks the illegal diamond export is responsible for the fallen revenues of diamonds.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Katanga - 20 % de forêt résistent encore au déboisement à Kanyama.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140603.html>

**Kanyama : Déboisement, il ne reste plus que 20 % de forêt.**

(13/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21040>

*Deforestation activities in Kanyama, Katanga, has assumed worrisome proportions, as the forest now covers 20% of the land while it was 70% ten years ago.*

## UGANDA

**A qui appartient quoi?**

(12/11/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Disputes on the property rights of the exploration zone north of Lake Albert.*

**Lourds investissements d'EAIF.**

(12/11/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*The European private Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund, will invest \$67 millions in several electrification projects in Uganda and Kenya.*

**Oil law to ensure equity.**

(13/11/2008 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/220/659435>

*The Government has formulated a law to ensure that oil revenue is used transparently and equitably.*

## RWANDA

**Rwanda: Mineral Exports Fetch \$70 Million.**

(16/11/2008 – The New Times; published by allAfrica – 17/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170614.html>

*Rwanda's mineral exports have hit a record \$70 million mark in a period of nine months and it might reach \$100 million by the end of the year, Sunday Times has learnt.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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**George Forrest International offers C\$579m for Forsys.**

(17/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147728](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147728)

*Shares in uranium explorer Forsys Metals leapt 29,3% on Monday, after the company announced that it had agreed to a buyout offer from a company controlled by veteran Democratic Republic of Congo miner George Forrest.*

**Economic slump leaves mining companies in deep holes.**

(17/11/2008 – The Wall Street Journal)

For consultation at request.

*Mining companies – which couldn't dig minerals fast enough just a few months ago – now are struggling to climb out of a very deep hole.*

## DRC

**Huge fall in Central African copper/cobalt valuations as risk aversion goes nightmare.**

(13/11/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=73024&sn=Detail>

*Copper/cobalt miners in the DRC and Zambia have shed USD 16bn in market value, and are now worth a paltry USD 2.5bn.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Malgré la crise financière mondiale - Tenke Fungurume Mining continue ses investissements en RDC.**

(12/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811120490.html>

*Tenke Fungurume announced that its project will not be frozen because of the financial crisis, the investments continue.*

**Freeport-McMoRan eliminates 600 U.S. copper and moly jobs.**

(18/11/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=73237&sn=Detail>

*Freeport-McMoRan's aggressive response to poor metals market conditions has resulted in cutbacks at the company's U.S. copper and molybdenum mines. There has been no word yet if Freeport is also considering cutbacks or delays at its massive Tenke Fungurume project.*

**Fire halts production at Katanga's Luli plant.**

(12/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147411](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147411)

*Katanga Mining on Wednesday said it had temporarily halted copper and cobalt production at the Luli metallurgical facility, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, following a transformer fire.*

**Anvil halts Kinsevere plant construction as funds dry up.**

(13/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147529](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147529)

**Anvil Mining Halts Building of Congo Copper Plant, Posts Loss.**

(13/11/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aINDezxQD6zc&refer=afrika>

*Copper-miner Anvil Mining has suspended the fabrication and construction works for its Kinsevere Stage II solvent extraction-electrowinning plant, until the company arranges additional funding and global financial and commodity markets stabilise.*

**Gem Diamonds reviews projects, issues profit warning.**

(17/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147696](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147696)

*Diamond producer Gem Diamonds warned on Monday that it might post a full-year loss, and that it was reassessing its operations amid the global credit crunch. Among other things, all alluvial and dredging explorations in the DRC would cease with immediate effect, and would be placed on care-and-maintenance for an indefinite period. However, the kimberlite exploration project in this country would continue.*

**BRC Diamondcore gives DRC exploration update.**

(18/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147822](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147822)

**BRC DiamondCore cancels plan to raise C\$3m, seeks partners to fund exploration.**

(17/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147716](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147716)

*Diamond producer BRC Diamondcore has announced that the results from the stream samples taken in the Tshikapa project, in the southern DRC, indicated that abundant kimberlitic indicators were present.*

**Teal scales down output at small-scale DRC operation.**

(17/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147667](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147667)

**Teal now expects more copper from Konkola North.**

(17/11/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page66?oid=73201&sn=Detail>

**Revenue dips on lower copper output.**

(18/11/2008 – BusinessReport)

<http://www.busrep.co.za/index.php?fArticleId=4717688&fSectionId=563&fSetId=662>

*Teal Exploration & Mining would continue with its copper exploration programmes in Zambia and the DRC, despite the current market conditions. However, turmoil in the global commodity market has forced the explorer, a subsidiary of diversified miner African Rainbow Minerals, to cut output at the Lupoto copper project's small-scale mining operation in the DRC.*

**First Quantum delivers in a tough market.**

(13/11/2008 – Financial Post)

<http://network.nationalpost.com/np/blogs/tradingdesk/archive/2008/11/13/first-quantum-delivers-in-a-tough-market.aspx>

*Despite awful copper pricing and ongoing political risk, analysts continue to believe that First Quantum Minerals Ltd. is on the right track.*

**Cobalt's turn to slump.**

(17/11/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=73195&sn=Detail>

*Like the opaque markets where cobalt trades, there are unconfirmed reports that a major producer in the DRC has halted production, and is selling from stockpiles.*

**Silence in London, loud in the Congo.**

(19/11/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.net/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=73321&sn=Detail>

*Camec declines to comment on the halting of its cobalt-copper operations in the DRC, Camec's only real operating asset.*

**Vancouver's La Quinta mining says joint venture in Congo is cancelled.**

(18/11/2008 – News 1130)

<http://www.news1130.com/news/business/article.jsp?content=b1118127A>

*La Quinta Resources Corp., a Vancouver-based junior miner, says it has received a formal termination notice from its Congolese joint venture partners to scrap a planned deal to explore and develop the country's gold resources.*

**Canadian junior walks away from DRC JV.**

(18/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=147832](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=147832)

*Vancouver-based La Quinta Resources will cut its losses and allow a joint venture in the DRC to lapse, the firm announced on Tuesday.*

## UGANDA

**Africa: Tullow to Drill More Wells in Uganda, Ghana.**

(15/11/2008 – East African Business Week; published by allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811171196.html>

*Oil prospector Tullow Oil has said it is set to drill what it called 'potentially transformational wells' in Uganda and Ghana over the next few months.*

**UPDATE 1-Tullow Oil optimistic on Uganda, output to miss target.**

(12/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSLC9736620081112>

*UK-based oil explorer Tullow Oil said it is increasingly optimistic it will find sufficient oil in Uganda to justify a full commercial development but that 2008 production would undershoot its target.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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**Ouganda: Chine - Ouganda - Accord sur une zone commune de libre-échange.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140607.html>

*China and Uganda have agreed on the establishment of a free-trade zone near Lake Victoria.*

**Vidéo: La relation Chine - Afrique en 2007.**

(14/11/2008 – Les Afriques)

<http://www.lesafriques.com/choix-de-la-redaction/video-la-relation-chine-afrique-en-2007.html?Itemid=324?article=11244>

*Compilation of video excerpts to highlight different aspects of the Africa-China relationship.*

**Congo rebel leader's demands include review of China contracts.**

(18/11/2008 – AFP)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19124>

*DR Congo rebel leader Laurent Nkunda's demands include reviewing the country's commercial contracts with China and direct bilateral talks with the government, a UN document showed Monday.*

**China hopes for continued cooperation with DRC.**

(18/11/2008 – Xinhua – China.org)

[http://www.china.org.cn/international/foreign\\_ministry/2008-11/19/content\\_16789093.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/international/foreign_ministry/2008-11/19/content_16789093.htm)

*China on Tuesday expressed its hope that the cooperation program with the DRC would move forward. The comment was made by Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang, who was responding to a question on a demand by DRC rebel leader Laurent Nkunda for the DRC government to review contracts with Chinese business.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

#### **Justice, Impunity, and Sexual Violence in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.**

(14/11/2008 - The All Party Parliamentary Group on the Great Lakes Region of Africa)

<http://www.appggreatlakes.org/all-reports/report-of-sexual-violence-published.html>

(website)

<http://www.appggreatlakes.org/images/stories/APPGReports/9%20october%20drc%20mission%20report.pdf> (report in pdf)

*The APPG is planning to hold the public launch of its recent report on 'Justice, Impunity and Sexual Violence in the Congo' on Thursday November 27 in the House of Commons. The report can be found on the links above.*

#### **Kinshasa : Le gouvernement lance l'opération de lutte contre la corruption et l'impunité.**

(13/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21050>

*The Minister of Justice has launched an operation for the investigation concerning the disappeared government funds for the national army.*

#### **Nord-Kivu : le racket ordinaire des militaires dans les mines.**

(13/11/2008 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

[http://syfia-grands-](http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1185&PHPSESSID=ebb968fba5ca587a62ce119d2d5ff51)

[lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1185&PHPSESSID=ebb968fba5ca587a62ce119d2d5ff51](http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1185&PHPSESSID=ebb968fba5ca587a62ce119d2d5ff51)

*Article on the military controlling the mine exploitation in Walikale.*

#### **Rwanda: DR Congo Agree to Uproot FDLR.**

(16/11/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170612.html>

#### **Congo-Kinshasa: Kinshasa approuve la traque des rebelles hutu par Kigali.**

(17/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811170240.html>

#### **Congo to help fight Rwanda rebels.**

(14/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7730328.stm>

#### **Poblématique des FDLR : le Rwanda prêt à envoyer en RDC ses officiers de renseignements.**

(18/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21103>

*Rwanda and the DRC agreed to work together to uproot the FDLR/Interahamwe.*

#### **Amani : Bukavu prépare le 1er site de regroupement des combattants.**

(14/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21069>

*Meeting in Bukavu in the framework of the Amani programme last Friday.*

## War in eastern DRC

### **Le lourd impôt payé par le peuple congolais pour ses immenses richesses naturelles.**

(11/11/2008 – Alternatives International)

<http://alternatives-international.net/article2707.html>

(11/11/2008 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=19388>

*Article stating the current war already began at the end of the Mobutu era and is caused by Congo's natural wealth.*

### **Update on the Situation in the DRC. Interview with Henri Boshoff, ISS Military Analyst.**

(12/11/2008 – Institute for Security Studies)

<http://www.issafrica.org/clips/111108bossie.mp3>

*Audio record of an interview with Henri Boshoff on the current security situation in eastern DRC.*

### **Analysis of the Situation in Zimbabwe and the DRC. Interview with Richard Cornwell, ISS.**

(12/11/2008 – Institute for Security Studies)

<http://www.issafrica.org/clips/101108cornwell.mp3>

*Audio record of an interview with Richard Cornwell, analysing the situation in eastern DRC.*

### **Conflict in Oost-Congo eist hoge tol.**

(14/11/2008 – MO\*)

[http://mo.be/index.php?id=63&tx\\_uwnews\\_pi2\[art\\_id\]=23072&cHash=18ca56944e](http://mo.be/index.php?id=63&tx_uwnews_pi2[art_id]=23072&cHash=18ca56944e)

*Article trying to give an overview of the numerous dramatic consequences of the Congolese war.*

### **Interview - East Congo war brings hunger to breadbasket.**

(13/11/2008 – Reuters – ReliefWeb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SKAR-7LCEGY?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

*Fighting in eastern Congo has turned a breadbasket into a hunger zone where hundreds of thousands of people chased from their lush fields now rely on imported food, U.N. food agency WFP said.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: 100,000 Cut Off By Fighting, Says UN Chief.**

(12/11/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811120753.html>

*Excerpts from UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's news conference at the UN headquarters in New York on November 11.*

### **Special Envoy Olusegun Obasanjo's comments to the media at MONUC.**

(15/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19078> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19079> (French)

*Former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has been appointed special envoy to the DRC by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. He spoke to journalists in Kinshasa Saturday after seeing President Joseph Kabila and before heading to Goma in the eastern DRC to see rebel leader Laurent Nkunda.*

**Africa: Continent Needs a Standby Army to Deal With Her Conflicts.**

(13/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 14/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811140017.html>

*Opinion article on the crisis in the DRC and the powerlessness of the MONUC and the international community.*

**The last thing Congo needs is these neo-colonial remedies.**

(12/11/2008 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/nov/12/congo>

*Unaccountable outsiders should never replace elected African governments, says Adekeye Adebajo. Fledgling civil society groups - while they are often courageous - cannot be a panacea for providing security in post-conflict situations. As the current crisis in eastern Congo demonstrates, governments in Africa urgently need to be strengthened, to provide security and promote development.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Laurent Nkunda - Le Général rebelle.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Soleil – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140226.html>

*Article on the activities of Laurent Nkunda.*

**Rwanda: Release of FDLR Secretary General, Callixte Mbarushimana.**

(14/11/2008 – US Department of State)

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2008/nov/111822.htm>

*U.S. Condemns Release of FDLR Official by German authorities on November 4.*

**Congolese children forced to fight.**

(12/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7724088.stm>

*In the last few months, fighting between the Congolese army and rebels has escalated, and more and more children are being kidnapped to bolster numbers amongst the various militia.*

**DRC: 150,000 children miss school as violence continues in the east.**

(14/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81468> (English)

(17/11/2008 – IRIN; published by allAfrica – 18/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811180194.html> (French)

*Fighting in eastern DRC has forced most schools in Rutshuru territory to close, leaving an estimated 150,000 children out of class, UNICEF said.*

**Socio-economic situation worsens in combat zones.**

(14/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19068> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19065> (French)

**Rutshuru : Pas d'école ni de marché, boutiques et autres entreprises ont été pillées.**

(14/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21060>

*The socio-economic situation has been deteriorating in Rutshuru since the breakout of fighting in late August, although calm has prevailed in the territory in the last few days. Local populations live in extreme poverty. They are prevented from carrying out their farming and commercial activities. In Kiwanja and central Rutshuru, for example, the inhabitants depend exclusively on humanitarian aid for their survival.*

## Recent fighting in North Kivu

### **MONUC evaluates its operations in Kiwanja.**

(13/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19032> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19031> (French)

### **Goma: Leila Zerrougui s'enquiert de la situation de crise dans le Nord Kivu.**

(12/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19013>

*The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for the DRC, Leila Zerrougui, has carried out a visits to Goma and Kiwanja, the scene of heavy fighting between Mayi-Mayi forces and members of the CNDP on the 4th and 5th of November. The aim of the visit was to assess MONUC's ability on the ground to protect civilian populations in the context of strengthening its capacity.*

### **Rutshuru : Rwindi sous contrôle du CNDP.**

(12/11/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21035>

*New conquests by the CNDP in North Kivu.*

### **Kibati : retour au calme après des combats de mardi soir.**

(12/11/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21029>

*Calm has returned after some violent confrontations on Tuesday evening.*

### **UN reports second day of relative calm in strife-torn eastern DR Congo.**

(13/11/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28934&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=Congo>

*The strife-torn eastern region of the DRC has remained relatively calm over the past two days apart from two skirmishes between Government troops and the PARECO/Mayi Mayi militia, the United Nations reported today.*

### **Rebellen rukken op in Oost-Congo.**

(13/11/2008 – De Morgen)

<http://www.demorgen.be/dm/nl/990/Buitenland/article/detail/486474/2008/11/13/Rebellen-rukken-op-in-Oost-Congo.dhtml>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: La rébellion à quelques kilomètres de Kanyabayonga.**

(15/11/2008 – La Tribune; published by allAfrica – 17/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811171020.html>

*Rebels stated they had advanced another 20km, up to the gates of the strategic city Kanyabayonga.*

### **Lubero : les militaires pillards sont de retour à Kanyabayonga.**

(13/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21046>

*FARDC soldiers are brought back to the frontier line with CNDP in Kanyabayonga, after they fled after pillaging first last week.*

**Force Commander tells Goma MONUC doing all it can to protect city.**

(12/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19012>

*General Babacar Gaye, MONUC's Force Commander, has reassured the population of Goma that the UN peacekeeping mission is doing all it can to provide security for them. He told them that the city of Goma is being protected both by MONUC and the FARDC.*

**DR Congo army pushes rebels back.**

(14/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7728851.stm>

*Government forces in the DRC have pushed rebels back 5km at the front line north of the eastern city of Goma.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Les combats ont repris sur les fronts de la Rwindi immédiatement après la rencontre Obasanjo-Nkunda.**

(18/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811180260.html>

**Congo rebel advance breaks truce.**

(17/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7732983.stm>

**RDC : les combats continuent.**

(17/11/2008 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/11/081117\\_nkundalatest.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/11/081117_nkundalatest.shtml)

**Congo clashes overshadow peace moves.**

(16/11/2008 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/7dfc9a8c-b3f3-11dd-8e35-0000779fd18c.html>

**Congo rebel backs UN peace plan, fighting persists.**

(16/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AF08D.html>

**Congo rebels advance despite Nkunda pledge of peace.**

(17/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AG0L2.html>

**Ruthuru : reprise des combats sur les fronts de la Rwindi.**

(16/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21081>

*Renewed fighting between CNDP and the FARDC in Rwindi has begun directly after the talking between Nkunda and Obasanjo.*

**DR Congo: UN attack helicopters ready to respond after rebel ceasefire violation.**

(17/11/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28968&Cr=Democratic+congo&Cr1=kivu>

**MONUC denounces ceasefire violations and calls on all the parties to respect the ceasefire.**

(17/10/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19116> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19114> (French)

*United Nations attack helicopters have mounted reconnaissance flights and “are poised to respond to any and all eventualities” in the eastern DRC after rebel forces violated a ceasefire and seized a number of localities in some of the worst fighting in more than a week.*

**Lubero : les Mai-Mai Pareco barrent la route à Kirumba aux FARDC en fuite.**

(18/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21099>

*Violent confrontations between Mai Mai and FARDC soldiers, as a Mai Mai spokesperson says the militia wants to stop the FARDC soldiers from fleeing their positions.*

**Lubero : nouveaux pillages et poursuite des combats à Kirumba.**

(18/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21108>

**Kirumba : nouveaux pillages des FARDC, le Pareco s'interpose.**

(18/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21113>

*According to some sources, there was renewed fighting in Kirumba between Pareco/Mai Mai and FARDC soldiers, after Pareco tried to stop FARDC soldiers from pillaging.*

**Congo armed forces chief sacked.**

(18/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7734997.stm>

**Kinshasa : Didier Etumba nommé chef d'Etat major des forces armées.**

(18/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21101>

*The military chief of staff in the DRC, Dieudonne Kayembe, has been sacked after the army lost territory to rebel forces in the east.*

**Congo rebels 'to withdraw troops'.**

(18/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7735159.stm>

*Rebels loyal to Laurent Nkunda in the DRC say they are withdrawing from two fronts to create humanitarian corridors.*

**UN to send 3,000 more troops to east Congo.**

(13/11/2008 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/nov/13/congo-united-nations-peacekeeping-mission>

**UN ready to send 3,000 more peacekeepers to Congo.**

(12/11/2008 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/nov/12/congo-unitednations>

*The UN is poised to send 3,000 more troops to the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, bolstering the world's largest peacekeeping mission as reports emerged of looting and rape by government troops fleeing a rebel advance.*

**Renforcement de la Monuc : le Conseil de sécurité renvoie l'examen du dossier au 26 novembre.**

(12/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21026>

*The Security Council to decide on the MONUC future on November 26.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Mandat de la Monuc : un dilemme.**

(18/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811180288.html>

*The Security Council's thinking on the MONUC mandate.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Est de la RDC -La Société civile interpelle la Monuc.**

(15/11/2008 – Le Potentiel; published by allAfrica – 17/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811170233.html>

*Some Congolese civil society organisations have asked the MONUC to engage as a “peace-enforcing” mission, instead of “peace-keeping” mission.*

**Plea from Local Organizations in North Kivu, DR Congo, to International Leaders.**

(18/11/2008 – GlobalWitness)

[http://www.globalwitness.org/media\\_library\\_detail.php/682/en/plea\\_from\\_local\\_organizations\\_in\\_north\\_kivu\\_dr\\_congo\\_to\\_international\\_leaders](http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/682/en/plea_from_local_organizations_in_north_kivu_dr_congo_to_international_leaders)

*Global Witness believes that this public appeal by local groups from eastern DRC for greater protection and for peacekeeping is important given the grave situation in the region and the urgent need for international action.*

**UN draft seeks to boost DRC force.**

(18/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7734760.stm>

*France has presented a draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council aimed at strengthening the UN mission in the DRC.*

**UN council considers increasing Congo peacekeepers.**

(18/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AH03W.html>

*The U.N. Security Council hopes to vote this week on a French-drafted resolution that would boost the number of U.N. peacekeepers in the Congo to help avert a new war, council diplomats said.*

**Beware of a stampede to war.**

(13/11/2008 – The Economist)

[http://www.economist.com/world/mideast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=12607417&fsrc=rss](http://www.economist.com/world/mideast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story_id=12607417&fsrc=rss)

*Article of the economist in which it evaluates the use of a surge of international military troops for the DRC.*

**Babakar Gaye à Bunia pour reconforter ses troupes.**

(13/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19030>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La Monuc annonce la délocalisation des Casques bleus de l'Ituri.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140561.html>

*General Babacar Gaye, visited Bunia and the Goma region to meet his troops there and assess the situation on the ground.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'UE confirme l'envoi des troupes indiennes en RDC pour renforcer les forces de la Monuc.**

(12/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811120269.html>

*As the European Union decided to opt for a political solution for the DRC crisis, India has decided to send 1.200 soldiers to support the MONUC.*

**EU to discuss aid and more UN troops for DR Congo.**

(14/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19049>

**RDC : les rebelles avancent, l'Union européenne discute.**

(14/11/2008 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article15682.html>

*The European Union will discuss Friday mounting a humanitarian aid mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as reinforcing UN peacekeepers there, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said.*

**Britain supports more UN troops for Congo: Brown.**

(14/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AD00O.html>

*Britain backs the deployment of up to 3,000 more U.N. troops in the DRC and peacekeepers should intervene "robustly" to safeguard civilians, Prime Minister Gordon Brown said.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Situation sécuritaire au Kivu - Des troupes angolaises à la rescousse de la RDC.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140608.html>

**Reports: Angola promises troops as Congo peace fades.**

(12/11/2008 – CNN)

[http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/11/12/congo.fighting/index.html?eref=editi  
on\\_africa](http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/11/12/congo.fighting/index.html?eref=editi<br/>on_africa)

**Envoi des troupes angolaises : « L'opinion a mal interprété les propos du vice-ministre angolais des Affaires étrangères »**

(15/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21073>

*Angola says it is prepared to render military support to the DRC in the eastern part of the country.*

**SADC agrees to provide immediate military assistance to DRC.**

(13/11/2008 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=19401>

*SADC leaders agreed during their extraordinary meeting to provide military assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo in a bid to end renewed fighting which has displaced over half a million people in need of food aid.*

**Southern Africa: Dithering in Congo.**

(13/11/2008 – Business Day – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811130151.html>

*SADC has finally plucked up the courage to dispatch monitors to the borders between the DRC and Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda. Unfortunately, knowing the borders are being monitored will not be much consolation to the hundreds of thousands of Congolese who have been forced to flee before advancing rebel insurgents.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: No Namibian Soldiers to DRC.**

(14/11/2008 – The Namibian – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811140365.html>

*Namibia is part of a newly formed regional military force, the SADC Brigade of the Southern African Development Community. Asked if this brigade would be sending soldiers to the DRC and if Namibian troops would be part of that, Minister Namoloh replied this would not be the case with NDF troops.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: DRC Decision 'Not Final'.**

(17/11/2008 – The Namibian – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170084.html>

*Namibia has not completely ruled out the possibility of sending troops to the DRC. Well-placed sources in the ruling Swapo Party told The Namibian over the weekend that an earlier statement by Defence Minister Charles Namoloh that Namibia will not send troops was a "blunder".*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Zambia Chooses to Stay Out of Conflict.**

(17/11/2008 – The Times of Zambia)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170083.html>

*Zambia will not send its troops to the DRC because the defence forces are currently over-stretched with matters of internal security, Defence Minister, George Mpombo, has said.*

**Foreign troops 'drawn into Congo'.**

(13/10/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7726690.stm>

*Evidence is increasing that foreign forces are being drawn into the conflict in the east of the DRC. Eyewitnesses told the BBC Angolan and Zimbabwean troops were on the ground. Meanwhile, journalists report that some of Laurent Nkunda's rebel fighters are in the pay of the Rwandan army. This has renewed fears that the fighting will see a re-run of the five-year Congolese war, which involved nine nations, before it ended in 2003.*

**Promoting an inclusive peace, a call to strengthen Canada's peace-making capacity. – Country Study: Is Canada turning its back on the Democratic Republic of Congo?**

(12/11/2008 - Canadian Council for International Co-operation)

[http://www.ccic.ca/e/002/humanitarian\\_peace.shtml](http://www.ccic.ca/e/002/humanitarian_peace.shtml) (English)

[http://www.ccic.ca/f/002/humanitarian\\_peace.shtml](http://www.ccic.ca/f/002/humanitarian_peace.shtml) (French)

(12/11/2008 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=19391>

*Peace in the DRC remains illusory, despite a number of on-going peace efforts. Unless the international community, including Canada, remains engaged, the country runs the risk of being subsumed by violence, according to a report released by the Canadian Council for International Co-operation.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: 'Rwanda is Not Backing Nkunda'.**

(15/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 16/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811160157.html>

*Rwanda's Ambassador to Uganda, Iganatius Karegesa Kamali, has denied accusations by the Congo that his country is backing Gen. Laurent Nkunda, a warlord operating in Eastern Congo. Henry Mukasa interviewed him and below are the excerpts.*

**Rwanda president accuses UN of betrayal and denies backing Tutsi rebels in Congo.**

(15/11/2008 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/nov/15/rwanda-congo>

*Rwanda's president, Paul Kagame, has accused the UN of betraying a pledge to combat Hutu extremists in eastern Congo and then blaming his country for the failure of a costly peacekeeping mission to end years of conflict.*

## Human Rights violations

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Le CNDP coupable de crimes de guerre.**

(12/11/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811120871.html>

*Human Rights Watch announced that 50 people were killed last week in Kiwanja.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Les députés demandent au Conseil de Sécurité de mener des investigations face aux massacres de Kiwanja à l'Est.**

(12/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811120295.html>

*The Congolese National Assembly has asked the UN Security Council to investigate the Kiwanja massacres.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Massacres dans l'Est de la RDC.**

(13/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811130234.html>

*UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon warned the violators of human rights in the eastern DRC, that they will be prosecuted.*

### **Arrest those responsible for international crimes committed in the Democratic Republic of Congo.**

(7/11/2008 - Victims' Rights Working Group)

For consultation at request.

*The VRWG is extremely concerned by recent events in northern and eastern DRC. Nevertheless, the VRWG recalls that this is not only a humanitarian crisis; international crimes and grave violations of human rights have been committed by all of the implicated armed groups. The current violence confirms once again that impunity for international crimes does not contribute to the resolution of conflict.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: ICTR Blames DRC Conflict on Genocide Fugitives.**

(13/11/2008 The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811130741.html>

*The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Hassan Bubacar Jallow, has called for a quick arrest of Genocide fugitives in the DRC if the conflict is to end. While addressing the press yesterday in Arusha, Jallow said that the Eastern part of the DRC was now a suitable ground for the Genocidaires who are protected by local militias.*

### **Goma : 4 soldats condamnés à la prison à perpétuité pour viol et pillage.**

(17/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21097>

*Four soldiers condemned for the pillaging in Goma at the end of October.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Silence, les militaires pillent de paisibles citoyens.**

(12/11/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811120872.html>

**Peur et chaos à Kanyabayonga, ville soumise aux pillages d'une armée congolaise en déroute.**

(18/11/2008 – Le Monde)

[http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2008/11/18/peur-et-chaos-a-kanyabayonga-ville-soumise-aux-pillages-d-une-armee-congolaise-en-deroute\\_1119996\\_3212.html#xtor=RSS-3210](http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2008/11/18/peur-et-chaos-a-kanyabayonga-ville-soumise-aux-pillages-d-une-armee-congolaise-en-deroute_1119996_3212.html#xtor=RSS-3210)

**Kanyabayonga : le calme est revenu, des familles sont en fuite.**

(12/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21024>

*The Congolese army has been pillaging villages on Monday and Tuesday November 10 and 11, in the Kanyabayonga region.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Armée - Muzito va frapper les pillards.**

(13/11/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811130223.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Le gouvernement promet des sanctions exemplaires aux pillards.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Phare; published by allAfrica – 16/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811160075.html>

*Prime Minister Muzito has pointed out the army that it needs to show discipline and that pillaging will be penalized.*

**FARDC : l'état-major général annonce l'arrestation des pillards de Kanyabayonga.**

(16/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21077>

*The FARDC says it has arrested yet some of the soldiers responsible for the pillaging in Kanyabayonga.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Babacar Gaye pour la remise en ordre des FARDC.**

(18/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811180283.html>

**Kanyabayonga : pillages, réaction du général Babacar Gaye.**

(12/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21032>

*MONUC General Babacar Gaye talking about the difficult situation in which the FARDC finds itself at the time.*

## Diplomacy

**Coltan Blood and Tears: The Missing Link in Congo's Peace.**

(11/11/2008 – Institute for Security Studies)

[http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link\\_id=5&slink\\_id=6863&link\\_type=12&slink\\_type=12&tmpl\\_id=3](http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link_id=5&slink_id=6863&link_type=12&slink_type=12&tmpl_id=3)

*The presence of enormous amounts of natural resources in the Congolese soil, is a matter which lacked on the Nairobi agenda.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Crise dans l'Est - La Monuc satisfaite de résultats du sommet de Nairobi.**

(13/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811130242.html>

*MONUC has expressed it is satisfied with the conclusions and results of the Nairobi summit.*

**Crise de l'Est : la facilitation internationale réaffirme son engagement au processus de paix.**

(13/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21044>

*International facilitators, as Roland Van de Geer, have reaffirmed their engagement to find a peaceful solution for the DRC crisis.*

**PPRD : le programme Amani demeure le seul cadre des négociations avec Nkunda.**

(14/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21065>

*Kabila's political party judges the Amani programme is the best way to negotiate with Laurent Nkunda.*

**Angola: Head of State Analyses Situation in DRC.**

(14/11/2008 - Angola Press Agency; published by allAfrica – 17/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170363.html> (English)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811160122.html> (French)

*The Angolan President, José Eduardo dos Santos, this Friday here discussed with the United Nations' special envoy for the DRC, Olesegun Obasanjo, on the ongoing situation in that central African country.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: UN Special Envoy Leaves for DRC.**

(14/11/2008 - Angola Press Agency; published by allAfrica – 17/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170443.html>

*The special envoy of the United Nations to the DRC, Olesegun Obasanjo, left the Angolan on Friday for Kinshasa, confident in a peaceful solution to the crisis in that central African country.*

**Crise dans l'Est de la RDC : l'Onu et l'Union africaine amorcent le ballet diplomatique.**

(15/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21070>

**UN Special Envoy Olusegun Obasanjo speaks with Laurent Nkunda.**

(17/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19118> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19102> (French)

**RDC : vers un accord de cessez-le-feu?**

(17/11/2008 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article15700.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Obasanjo Pushes for Ceasefire.**

(17/11/2008 – This Day – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170001.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Obasanjo a rencontré le chef des rebelles Laurent Nkunda.**

(17/11/2008 – UN; published by allAfrica – 18/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811180200.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'option politique a toujours les faveurs de l'ONU et de l'UA.**

(17/11/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811171244.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Olusegun Obasanjo rencontre Kabila et Nkunda.**

(17/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811170239.html>

**UN envoy to meet DR Congo rebels.**

(16/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7730897.stm>

**Head rebel 'backs DR Congo peace'.**

(16/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7731937.stm>

**Obasanjo : «Laurent Nkunda réaffirme sa volonté de respecter le cessez-le-feu»**

(17/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21082>

*“Laurent Nkunda transmitted to me a series of requests and concerns addressed to the Government. I demanded of him from the start whether I could count on him so that we left with this agreement in principle. He accepted.” It was in these terms that the UN Special Envoy of the Secretary General for peace in the Great Lakes Region, Olusegun Obasanjo, expressed the outcome of his meeting with rebel leader Laurent Nkunda on Sunday last November 16.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nkunda Objects to Monuc Taking Part in DRC Talks.**

(18/11/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811180010.html>

*General Laurent Nkunda has said he objects to the inclusion of the United Nations' peace keeping forces-MONUC in the negotiation talks to stop the war in DR Congo. The talks between the CNDP and the DRC government will be mediated by Olusegun Obasanjo, the UN General Secretary's special envoy in Eastern Congo.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Kagame, Obasanjo Meet Over Conflict.**

(17/11/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811170003.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: President Optimistic On Obasanjo.**

(18/11/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811180568.html>

*President Paul Kagame has expressed optimism on the newly appointed UN special envoy on the conflict in the Eastern DRC saying that he has a notion of the conflict that has displaced hundreds of thousands over the past two months.*

**UK minister in Congo peace effort.**

(17/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7734264.stm>

*UK Foreign Office Minister Lord Malloch Brown, who has special responsibility for Africa, has arrived in the DRC at the start of a four-day peace mission.*

**Refugees, IDPs and the Humanitarian situation****Congo-Kinshasa: Increase in Forced Labour, Rape and Harassment in East, Says Oxfam.**

(12/11/2008 – Oxfam – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811120702.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: En Afrique, les armes flinguent le développement.**

(13/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811130543.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Armed Men are Raping Women, Looting Homes, Says NGO.**

(13/11/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811130534.html>

*There has been an increase in incidents of forced labour, rape and widespread brutality, according to assessments carried out by international agency Oxfam over the past week, as armed men from all sides prey upon those who have sought 'sanctuary' from the fighting in North Kivu.*

**Fighting lessens in DR Congo but humanitarian situation remains worrying – UN.**

(12/11/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28916&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=Congo>

*Fighting appears to have abated in the eastern DRC but tension continues and the humanitarian situation remains very worrying, with 250,000 newly displaced people in urgent need of aid, United Nations officials said today.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: People Flee, and Flee Again.**

(14/11/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811140272.html>

*Interview with Francois Dumont of Médecins sans Frontières in which he states that civilians fleeing violence in the eastern DRC sometimes find a safe place, only to have to flee again when fighting spreads.*

**Kiwanja : la situation sécuritaire et humanitaire reste préoccupante.**

(13/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21047>

*As the UN special representative Leila Zerrougui could see, the security and humanitarian situation in Kiwanja remains precarious.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Situation humanitaire - Des déplacés de Kiwanja regagnent leurs domiciles.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140609.html>

**Kiwanja : les déplacés quittent le camp de la Monuc.**

(12/11/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21038>

*Return of the Kiwanja villagers after they fled the fighting and pillaging.*

**Uganda: Congolese Refugees Flock Uganda.**

(12/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 13/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811130008.html>

*More than 1,000 Congolese refugees have entered Uganda in the last three days. This follows renewed clashes in the eastern DRC, raising concern of aid agencies.*

**Minstens 12.000 Congolezen vluchten naar Oeganda.**

(13/11/2008 – De Morgen)

<http://www.demorgen.be/dm/nl/990/Buitenland/article/detail/487307/2008/11/13/Minstens-12-000-Congolezen-vluchten-naar-Oeganda.dhtml>

*“De Morgen” states that at least 12.000 Congolese have fled to Uganda to seek shelter from the recent flared up violence.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Rutshuru - Caritas en mission d'évaluation humanitaire.**

(13/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811130544.html>

*Caritas is conducting an evaluation mission in Rutshuru, to determine the humanitarian situation on the ground.*

**Kibati : revenus dans le camp, les déplacés sont pris entre les FARDC et le CNDP.**

(13/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21048>

*Life continues again in the Kibati camp, after the panic of last week.*

**Congo refugees 'have to be moved'.**

(14/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7728581.stm>

**Refugees must relocate to flee rebels, says UN.**

(14/11/2008 – France 24)

<http://www.france24.com/en/20081114-rebels-order-refugees-go-home-fr24-exclusive-dr-congo&navi=AFRIQUE>

**UN is considering relocating the refugee camp for 60,000 people at Kibati.**

(14/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19077> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19075> (French)

**DRC: Transfer of displaced from Kibati camps to begin next week.**

(14/11/2008 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/491d5da44.html>

**Kibati : la Monuc envisage la relocalisation du camp des déplacés.**

(14/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21068>

*Thousands of refugees at a camp in eastern DRC must be moved before they are caught up in fighting, aid officials have warned. More than 60.000 displaced people are at the Kibati camp, close to the front line separating government troops and rebels loyal to General Laurent Nkunda.*

**Humanitarian assistance remains a priority in eastern DR Congo.**

(12/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19019> (English)

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**Congo-Kinshasa: Humanitarian Efforts In Eastern DRC.**

(12/11/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811120703.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La situation humanitaire demeure préoccupante dans l'Est de la RDC.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140242.html>

*With the number of IDPs and IDP camps on the rise since the start, in August, of the current conflict in North Kivu, the humanitarian situation in eastern DR Congo remains very worrying, OCHA told a MONUC weekly press conference.*

**DRC: Agencies cannot reach IDPs trapped by fighting.**

(12/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81427>

*Tens of thousands of civilians forced from their homes by fresh fighting in eastern DRC are still beyond the reach of international aid, two weeks after the launch of a rebel offensive.*

**Food aid reaches Congo rebel town.**

(12/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7725456.stm>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Mise à jour des opérations du PAM – RDC.**

(12/11/2008 – UN World Food Programme – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811120919.html>

*The UN has managed to send a convoy of badly-needed food aid across the front-line in eastern DR Congo to the rebel-held town of Rutshuru.*

**Congolese line up for UN food handout in rebel zone.**

(14/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AD0MO.html>

*Aid workers began feeding tens of thousands of civilians in rebel-held areas of eastern Congo on Friday for the first time in weeks after a U.N. food convoy crossed the front lines.*

**UN delivering humanitarian aid as ceasefire holds in eastern DR Congo.**

(14/11/2008 - UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28944&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=Congo>

*Although the overall situation in the volatile North Kivu province in eastern DRC is tense and unpredictable, no major ceasefire violations or attacks on civilians and property have been reported, the United Nations reported today.*

**UNHCR flies vital shelter aid to North Kivu for displaced Congolese.**

(13/11/2008 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/491c62ee2.html>

*A UNHCR-chartered aircraft carrying vital shelter aid for thousands of displaced civilians arrived in the DRC troubled North Kivu province on Thursday.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu - Caritas poursuit la distribution des vivres autour de Goma.**

(14/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811140618.html>

*The Caritas team in Goma pursues the distribution of provisions supplied by the World Food Programme.*

**First U.S. Flight with Humanitarian Goods Arrives in Democratic Republic of Congo.**

(13/11/2008 – USAID)

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2008/pr081113.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Crise humanitaire - Les USA à la rescousse des populations du Nord-Kivu.**

(15/11/2008 – Le Potentiel; published by allAfrica – 16/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811160106.html>

*The U.S. government, through USAID, airlifted the first of five planned shipments of U.S. emergency assistance to the DRC on November 12.*

## LRA rebels in eastern DRC

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Protect Civilians From Brutal Rebel Attacks.**

(13/11/2008 – Resolve Uganda – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811130853.html>

(13/11/2008 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2008/11/13/dr-congo-protect-civilians-brutal-rebel-attacks>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Il faut protéger les civils contre les attaques brutales des rebelles.**

(12/11/2008 – Human Rights Watch; published by allAfrica – 13/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811130331.html>

*The UN Security Council should urgently increase the number of peacekeepers to help protect civilians in northern Democratic Republic of Congo following renewed attacks by the LRA, four international and national human rights organizations said today.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Province Orientale - Une intervention sanitaire d'urgence est plus que nécessaire à Dungu.**

(15/11/2008 – Le Potentiel; published by allAfrica – 17/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811170230.html>

*A dramatic humanitarian situation in Dungu because of the insecurity after recurrent LRA attacks.*

### **Dungu : une ville fantôme désertée à cause des LRA.**

(17/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21098>

*Dungu actually looks like a ghost town at the moment, as many villagers fled after the LRA attacks.*

### **Haut-Uélé : les rebelles ougandais de la LRA se sont encore signalés par des attaques dimanche.**

(18/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21109>

*New LRA attacks in villages north of Isiro.*

### **UGANDA: Geoffrey: "After eight years as a child soldier, all I want is to forget the past".**

(14/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81465>

*Geoffrey was 10 years old when the LRA abducted him as he walked to school in Gulu, northern Uganda, in 2000. He recalls fleeing rebel captivity in the DRC in June.*

## UGANDA

### **Uganda: 7992 Guns Recovered From Karamoja.**

(13/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 14/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811140089.html>

*The UPDF has recovered 7,992 guns from the Karimojong, four years after President Yoweri Museveni re-launched the disarmament exercise at Moroto Boma grounds. During the first phase of the disarmament exercise that started in 2001, 16,000 guns were recovered.*

**Uganda: Government Urged to Control Use of Fire-Arms By Security Firms.**

(12/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 13/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811130278.html>

*The Government has been urged to control the use of fire-arms by private security organisations. Lorenzo Bertolli, the general manager of KK Security, said the move would reduce crime by security guards.*

**Uganda: How Long Can We Wait for Kony's Signature?**

(11/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 12/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811120523.html>

*Opinion article on the likelihood Kony will sign a peace agreement once.*

**Uganda: Focus shifts to securing durable solutions for IDPs.**

(14/11/2008 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=19413>

*Improved security in northern Uganda has allowed almost 1 million people to return to their homes and villages. However for those still displaced, there are major problems including food and clean water.*

## BURUNDI

**BURUNDI: No peace without prosperity – analysts.**

(13/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81447>

*Poverty, selfish political interests and inadequate economic development are the underlying causes of the political crisis gripping Burundi, according to political analysts.*

## RWANDA

**Rwanda: Govt Ready to Welcome Interahamwe Militia.**

(12/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 13/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811130010.html>

*Rwanda is ready to welcome back the Interahamwe militia, who are accused of genocide and hiding in the DRC, if they renounce rebellion.*

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(13/11/2008 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2008/pr08281.htm>

*A mission from the International Monetary Fund, led by Mr. Bernardin Akitoby, visited Burundi to conduct the first review of the government economic and financial program supported by an arrangement under the Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility.*

### **Geat Lakes Echoes.**

(November 2008 – EurAc)

For consultation at request.

*Monthly Publication of the European Network for Central Africa. Contains several interesting articles, this month among other things: The escalation of conflict in Eastern DRC calls for more Transparency and Political will, African states' reaction to the war in the DRC, Diamonds and Human Security Annual Review 2008, Burundi Soldiers in DRC, ...*

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